



CALIFORNIA

"Friday Letter"

To the Board of Directors

September 7, 2012

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ As you know, I've been working on developing a new Town of Discovery Bay seal/logo specifically for TODBCSD use. While I have a number of options, this one, above, at least appears to show best, and it includes the steamboat, as well as Mt. Diablo. I'm just throwing this out there to see how it looks on paper. If the Board does choose to move away from the seal/logo we've been using (as does every other business/organization in town), we will begin to phase out the current look with the new one on vehicles, equipment, letterhead, business cards, etc. Please let me know your thoughts!
- ✓ Calista celebrated a big birthday (big as in the number of numbers big)! She and her family celebrated by going to Las Vegas for the weekend. Happy Birthday Calista!
- ✓ The iPads have all arrived. If you have not received yours (there are two of you), please contact me to set them up with you. It will take approximately one hour.

Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ The initial phase of the Bio-solids project is almost complete. Conco West is finishing a few punch list items and preparing to move into the next phase as approved by the Board this week. Aero Mod will be onsite later this month to run the new belt press through its paces and conduct training.
- ✓ The days of brass and lead water meters are over! As you can see by the photo below, the new meters are made of highly durable plastics and have no moving parts. Each meter costs \$180 versus the cost of the old meters at over \$200 each.



- ✓ The recently authorized replacement Trash Pump arrived earlier this week. See photo, below. It is a huge improvement over the old one. We appreciate the Board's support on this item. It is critical in the event we have a sewer blockage that requires diversion from one manhole to another.



- ✓ We've experienced a rash of water leaks over the past few weeks. As things start to cool, the pipes begin to contract a little and leaks result. We're staying on top of them.

- ✓ We began the process of obtaining quotes to bring fiber from Plant 1 to Plant 2. This will make our SCADA and security systems much more reliable.

Financial Services

- ✓ Finance is a critical internal operating function here at the District. However, they don't always have the most exciting information to report. But, they do get the bills paid on time!

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- ECCFPD Meeting – Oakley City Hall - Monday September 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
- Neumiller & Beardslee Open House – Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 4 -7:00p.m.
- Lions Club Concert – Discovery Bay Marina, Saturday, September 15, 2012
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.